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DRAFT MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 3:08 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, First Floor of the Boji Tower.

Senate Health Policy Committee members present: George (C), Allen (VC), Sanborn, Clarke (MinVC), Gleason, Jacobs.

A motion was made by Senator Allen to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting and seconded by Senator Clarke.

Senator George welcomed everyone to the committee meeting and excused absent members. Senator George asked Matt Hanley to give an explanation of House Bills 4730 and 5341.

Senator George then noted that cards had been turned in by: Michael Brown from Representative Bieda's office, supporting HB 4730; Nancy Moody of DTE Energy supporting HB 4730 and HB 5341; The Michigan Fire Service Coalition, the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society, the Michigan Professional Fire Union, the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs; the Michigan Fire Service Instructors Association and the Michigan State Fireman's Association in support of HB 4730 and HB 5341; Dawn Crandall representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders supporting HB 5341 as substituted; Richard and Susie Leuders supporting HB 4730 as substituted; Sandra O'Niel supporting HB 4730 and HB 5341 as substituted; Nell Kuhnmuensch representing the National Electrical Manufacturers Association in support of HB 4730 and HB 5341 as substituted; Steve Biggs of the Overbeck Foundation and Town & Country Homes supporting HB 5341 as substituted; and Cathy Wilson representing Consumers Energy in support of HB 4730 and HB 5341 as substituted.

A motion was made by Senator Clarke to adopt House Bill 4730 (S-2), supported by Senator Allen.

Yeas: George, Allen, Sanborn, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson

The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Clarke to report House Bill 4730 (S-2) with immediate effect, supported by Senator Gleason.

Yeas: George, Allen, Sanborn, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson

The motion prevailed.

A motion was made by Senator Clarke to adopt House Bill 5341 (S-1), supported by Senator Gleason.

Yeas: George, Allen, Sanborn, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson

The motion prevailed

A motion was made by Senator Clarke to report House Bill 5341 (S-1) with immediate effect, supported by Senator Allen.

Yeas: George, Allen, Sanborn, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Patterson

The motion prevailed.

Senator George welcomed Kelly Bartlett from Sen. Bill Hardiman’s Office who spoke in support of Senate Bill 5.

Senator George then welcomed Gary Bischoff, Tianna Hoppe-Rooney, Adrian Blow, Kathleen Jager and Bill Tyler all representing the Michigan Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. They provided written and oral testimony in support of SB 5. Following their testimony the floor was opened up for questions.

Senator George then welcomed Linda Burghardt, representing the National Association of Social Workers, who gave written and oral testimony in opposition to SB 5.

Senator George then noted that cards in support of SB 5 had been turned in by: Thomas Blume, Temple Odom, Richard Wampler, Karly Redburn, Adam Downs, Amy Foster, Sheena Horsford, Brian Doane, Jason Hawkins, Melanie Wheeler, Julie Balow, Ben Bozek, Katie Bozek, Jennifer Bak, Laura Frayer, Joe Thomas, Kendal Holtrop, Jen Hutchings, Caroline Dykstra, Kayla Runyan-Katterman, Brian Distelberg, Carrie Coen, Matthew Vanderhyde, Mary Ensroth, Kate McKee, Ana Rocio Escobar-Chew, Marsha Carolan, Patricia Danks, Natasha Kendal, Jan Talen, Martha Bristol, Laura Kitkowski, Jeff Angera, Chris Latty, Emily Schmittel, and Natashia Robbins.

Senator George also noted that cards in opposition to SB 5 had been turned in by: Judith Kovach of the Michigan Psychological Association, who also submitted written testimony; Kathleen Gross of the Michigan Psychological Association, who also submitted written testimony; and Colin Ford representing the Michigan State Medical Society who noted that they opposed the bills as written.

There being no further business Senator George adjourned the meeting without objection at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Nester

Committee Clerk

Senator Tom George

Chairperson

Date approved by the Committee